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SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSION ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR

U.S. ASSISTANCE IN INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENCY OPERATION

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REF: KINSHASA 4935

1. AS A VARIETY OF MESSAGES ON WHICH YOU ARE ADDRESSEE
INDICATES, THE USG HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE IN AN EFFORT
TO EVACUATE BELGIAN, AMERICAN AND OTHER CITIZENS FROM
KOLWEZI. WE HAVE AGREED TO SUPPLY JET FUEL AT KAMINA FOR

USE IN THIS OPERATION, IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE. IN ADDITION WE HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION OTHER POSSIBLE AREAS OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

2. ALTHOUGH OTHER EVENTS, AND THE FOREGOING DECISION HAVE LARGELY OVERTAKEN GEN. BABIA'S REQUEST FOR C-130 SUPPORT (REFTEL) WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT EMBASSY CONVEY TO HIM THAT WE CONSIDER OUR PARTICIPATION BOTH ANSWERS HIS QUESTION AND COMPRISES OUR RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OPERATION A LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA IS REQUIRED TO ASSURE

CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. IN THIS CASE THE LETTER SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE AUTHORIZES THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE STEPS TO CARRY OUT THE HUMANITARIAN TASK OF EVACUATING FOREIGN NATIONALS HELD BY INSURGENTS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE FRENCH, BRITISH AND UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION. THE SIGNATOR SHOULD BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. A SUGGESTED TEXT FOR GOZ CONSIDERATION FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

4. BEYOND FOREGOING, ANOTHER SEPTTEL IS UNDER PREPARATION
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BEARING ON GOZ COMMUNICATION TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL.

5. FYI: RECOGNIZE THAT FOREGOING MAY NOT SEEM FULLY TO SYNCH WITH PRECEDING FLASH TELEGRAM ASKING FOR CERTAIN URGENT CLARIFICATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, IT REPRESENTS VALID REQUIREMENT AT THIS TIME.

6. NEW SUBJECT JUST CAME TO OUR ATTENTION:

A) FOLLOWING QUOTES MESSAGE FROM CINCEUR TO USDAO BRUSSELS, DTG 180025Z MAY: "REQUEST ASSISTANCE BELGIAN GOV IN OBTAINING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR U.S. AIRCRAFT TO OPERATE IN ZAIRE IN SUPPORT OF BELGIAN AIRLIFT. ALSO REQUEST CONFIRM BELGIAN GOV HAS ARRANGED FOR FUEL AVAILABILITY AT KINSHASA TO SUPPLY FUEL FOR SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO KAMINA. INFO ALCON. ESTIMATED EARLIEST ARRIVAL TIME FOR C-141 REFUELING SUPPORT AIRCRAFT AT KINSHASA IS 182200Z MAY. WILL PROVIDE MORE DEFINITIVE ESTIMATE ASAP."

7. AIRCRAFT DEPARTS TWO HOURS HENCE. DO YOUR BEST. VANCE

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